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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 4 CONVERSATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

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1. AFTER I INFORMED THE PREMIER ABOUT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE PRC, HE REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE COMMUNIST REGIME IS EXPERIENCING ON THE MAINLAND AND MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY THE CHEKIANG SITUATION AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE OCTOBER 1 ANNIVERSARY. IN THE LATTER CONNECTION HE NOTED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 26 YEARS THERE WERE NO JOINT EDITORIALS (SIC) HAVING IN MIND THESE EVIDENCES OF INTERNAL

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DIFFICULTIES AND TENSIONS THE PREMIER HOPED THAT THE SECRETARY'S

VISIT WOULD NOT GIVE THE COMMUNIST CHINESE A BOOST OR ANY UNDUE ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. I SAID THAT WE HAVE ALSO HAD SOME REPORTS ABOUT CONTENDING FACTIONS IN THE PRC; HOWEVER, AS REGARDS THE SECRETARY'S AND LATER THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE PRC, WE CONTINUED TO FEEL THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN THE COMMUNICATIONS WHICH WE HAVE ESTABLISHED WITH THE PRC AND THAT THE VISITS SHOULD BE SEEN IN THAT LIGHT.

3. IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED THE PREMIER MENTIONED HIS FEELING THAT THE PRC LEADERS HAVE BEEN EMPHASIZING TO THE US CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS THE MILITARY THREAT WHICH THE SOVIET UNION POSES TO THE PRC, PRESUMABLY IN AN EFFORT TO ENLIST US SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT. I ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BUT POINTED OUT THE PRC IS ALSO EMPHASIZING TO EUROPEAN LEADERS AND OTHERS, INCLUDING AMERICANS, THE THREAT THE SOVIET UNION POSES IN EUROPE. I SOLICITED THE PREMIER'S VIEWS ON THE INTERNAL STRUGGLE IN THE PRC TO WHICH HE REFERRED AND HIS COMMENTS ADDED NOTHING NEW TO THE SITUATION AS WE UNDERSTAND IT. HE MADE THE POINT THAT THE "CHIANG CHING-WANG HUNG-WEN FACCTION" IN THE PAST AND TODAY LACKS ANY SUPPORT FROM THE PLA, PRESUMABLY TO INDICATE THAT IN ANY STRUGGLE WITH THE "TENG HSIAO-PING FACTION" WHICH MIGHT FOLLOW AFTER THE DEATH OF CHOU EN-LAI THEIR CHANCES WERE NOT VERY GOOD.

4. CCK ALSO COMMENTED THAT IT APPEARED THERE HAD BEEN NO CONCRETE RESULTS FROM THE NEW YORK CONVERSATIONS OF JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA AND PRC FOREIGN MINISTER CH'IAO KUAN-HUA. I SAID OUR INFORMATION TENDED TO CONFIRM THAT BUT WE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE TALKS WERE EXPECTED TO BE RESUMED AND THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY FINAL BREAKDOWN.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS PEKING AND HONG KONG.
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